

REMARKS

The present Amendment amends claims 1, 10, 33, 34, 36, and 37, and leaves claims 2-9, 11-32, and 38 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 1-34 and 36-38.

35 U.S.C. §112 Rejections

Claims 1-34 and 36-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. This rejection is traversed for the following reasons. Applicants submit that claims 1-34 and 36-38, as now more clearly recited, are in compliance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §112.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that claims 1-34 and 36-38 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 1-34 and 36-38 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Mattingly, Stanger, Malur & Brundidge, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (referencing attorney docket no. 500.40470X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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